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District Man Convicted of First Degree Murder for Shooting Death of District Resident

WASHINGTON - Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced that today a D.C. Superior Court jury convicted a 20-year-old District man, Vincent Mills, Jr., of First Degree Premeditated Murder While Armed and related firearms offenses for the shooting death of another District man, Tony Wilcher, on April 2, 2008, in the 800 block of 19th Street, Northeast.

At trial, the government's evidence established that in the late evening hours of April 2, 2008, the defendant, the decedent, and some friends were congregating in the 800 block of 19th Street, N.E., when the decedent and Mills got into a verbal argument over a substantial sum of money that the decedent had recently earned from work. A physical altercation resulted, during which Mills pulled out a pistol and shot the decedent multiple times in the body and face. Mills then walked away, paused, and returned, shooting the decedent twice more in the back of the head.

At the time of the shooting, several people were outside and observed the incident. However, no witnesses remained on the scene and no eyewitnesses were identified that evening. Through diligent and thorough investigative work, over the next several weeks MPD Detective Anthony Paci, with the assistance of other MPD officers, identified and located several eyewitnesses to the murder, leading to Mills' arrest on April 27, 2008.

In announcing today's verdict, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended the work of MPD Detectives Anthony Paci, Sean Caine, Dwayne Partman, Robert Arrington, and Edward Truesdale, and MPD Detective Sergeant John P. Johnson of the Violent Crime Branch, Investigator Hosam Nasr and Officer Andrew Gamm of the Fifth District, and Evidence Technicians Curtis Lancaster, Charles Egan, Charles Graham, and Alfred Holmes. He also commended Paralegal Specialists Ethel Gregory and Kwasi Fields, along with Jeanie Latimore-Brown of the Litigation Technology Section, and Victim Witness Advocate Marcia Rinker. Finally, he praised Assistant U.S. Attorney Pat Martin, who investigated, indicted, and prosecuted the case.

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